

Spring Mill State Park

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/programs/schedule/>

April 2007

Nature Center

Open Daily 10am-5pm

Twin Caves Boat Tours

Closed for the Season

Pioneer Village

Open Daily 9am-5pm

Virgil I. Grissom Memorial

Open Daily 8:30am-4pm

Please arrive on time for scheduled programs.
Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.

Public programs are designed for individuals and families.

If you will be bringing an organized group, you can contact the Nature Center in advance and schedule a private program just for your group (\$1/person charge). (812) 849-4129

Get advanced notice of special events and programs!

Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/springmillstatepark/>

HP-HP *Healthy Parks – Healthy People*

Get “INShape” with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.



Look for our hikes and strolls!

Watch for the roving naturalist!



Sunday, April 1

1:30pm



The Joke’s on Us! – On this April Fools Day, we’ll take a look at some plants that threaten to destroy our native forest environment. And the worst part is that we’re responsible! Meet at the Nature Center, Back Patio (45 min). **HP-HP**

Monday, April 2 – Friday, April 6

*Nature is an infinite sphere of which the center is everywhere
and the circumference nowhere. Blaise Pascal*

Saturday, April 7

11:30am

Sawmill Demonstration - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Sawmill (30 min).

1:30pm

Egg-cellent – Design your own bird egg while learning about the nesting strategies of different birds (and the multitude of different-looking eggs that they lay!). Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).

2:30pm

Sawmill Demonstration - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Sawmill (30 min).

3:30pm



Birds’ Eye View – Learn to look at the land like a bird and discover why different species of birds construct their nests in different places. Meet at the Donaldson parking lot (45 min). **HP-HP**



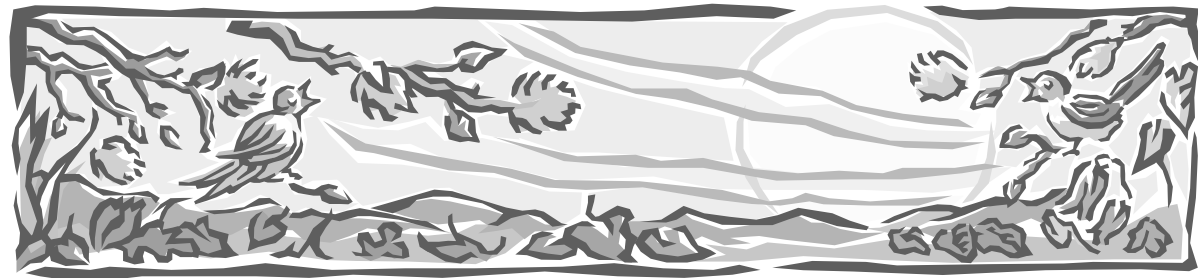
Sunday, April 8 **Easter Egg Hunt**

- 11am-1pm Meet the Easter Bunny!** – The Easter Bunny will be at the Spring Mill Inn to greet kids and pose for pictures. Spring Mill Inn, Lobby.
- 2:00pm Easter Egg Hunt** – Join the search for goody-filled eggs scattered in the grass! Four different areas will be roped off, each for a different age group of kids (4yr and under, 5-7yr, 8-10yr, and 11-12yr). Make sure you arrive on time; the hunt is over almost as soon as it begins! Sycamore Field.
- 2:30pm Beaded Bunnies** – Bead your own version of the Easter Bunny to take home (it makes a great zipper pull or key ring) and learn about the bunnies that live in Spring Mill State Park all year. Sycamore Shelter (45 min).



Monday, April 9 – Friday, April 13


there is a way that nature speaks, that land speaks. most of the time we are simply not patient enough, quiet enough, to pay attention to the story. linda hogan



Saturday, April 14

- 11:30am Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Sawmill (30 min).
- 2:30pm Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Sawmill (30 min).

Sunday, April 15

- 1-3pm**  **Snake Season** – Reptiles are beginning to show themselves again following a winter spent in hibernation. Learn what snakes are up to this time of year and meet one up-close. Watch for the roving naturalist by the Concession Stand.
- 2:30pm Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Sawmill (30 min).




Monday, April 16 – Friday, April 20

Nature will bear the closest inspection. She invites us to lay our eye level with her smallest leaf, and take an insect view of its plain. ~Henry David Thoreau

Saturday, April 21

**ANTIQUE TRACTOR &
FARM IMPLEMENTS SHOW**

9am-5pm  **7th Annual Antique Tractor & Farm Implements Show** - Antique farm tractors, working farm implements, and gas engines dating back to the 1940's will be on display. Step back in time and imagine what it was like in the days when the family tractor was the most important piece of machinery on the farm! *Presented in cooperation with the Tri-County Antique Farm Machinery Association.* Sycamore Shelter.

10am-5pm **Nature Poetry Contest Winners** – Drop by the Nature Center to read the two winning entries from our first annual Nature Poetry Contest. You can also pick up a flyer about next year's contest and learn how to enter your own poem.

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4:00pm **Antique Tractor Parade** – See antique tractors in motion as they form a parade line and travel from Sycamore Shelter, around the circle in the Pioneer Village, and back.

8:45pm **StoneBelt Stargazer's Spring Star Party** - Get a whole new perspective on the night sky when you view it through a telescope! The Stargazers will bring their telescopes to share - and point out some of the wonders of the night. We suggest bringing lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on (and your own binoculars or telescope, if you have one). Swimming Pool parking lot (1½ hr).

Sunday, April 22

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2:30pm **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Sawmill (30 min).


Monday, April 23 – Friday, April 27

*Friday the 27th is the **registration deadline** for our special walking tour...*

Pioneer Village: Birth to Reconstruction

See details under program listing for Saturday, April 28.


Saturday, April 28

1:30pm  **Pioneer Village: Birth to Reconstruction Walking Tour** – Get an in-depth perspective of the story of Spring Mill Village over the last 200 years on this special walking tour. We'll look at the reasons pioneers settled in this valley, investigate the real locations of their shops and homes, explore the reasons why the village died, discover how the Civilian Conservation Corps brought it back from a state of ruin, and learn how it is currently managed by Spring Mill State Park. Meet inside the Gristmill in the Pioneer Village (2 hr).

Pre-registration is required by Friday, April 27 to the Park Office (812-849-4129)! Cost is \$5/person.

2:30pm **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Sawmill (30 min).

Sunday, April 29

11:00am  **April Flowers** – On this moderate hike, we'll search for some of our blooming spring wildflowers growing on woodland slopes. Meet in front of the Spring Mill Inn (1 hr).

1-5pm **Heirloom Seed and Plant Exchange** – Bring your heirloom seeds and plants to exchange with other visitors, and the Pioneer Village's gardener, and watch your garden grow! Pioneer Village.

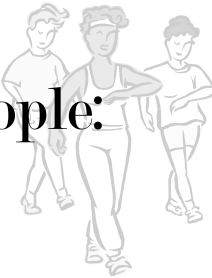
2:30pm **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Sawmill (30 min).

Monday, April 30

Those who dwell, as scientists or laymen, among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life.

~ Rachel Carson

Saturday, May 5th
Healthy Parks, Healthy People:
INShape Fitness Walk



Civil War Weekend

Saturday May 26th - Monday, May 28th

Featuring: 1860s Reenactors, Apron-Making Workshop, Living History Stroll, and the Pioneer Memorial Day Service

Special Events in June

June 2

Meet Smokey Bear!

June 7

Wild Edibles Workshop

\$8/person; Pre-registration required by June 6th

June 16

StoneBelt Stargazers' Summer Star Party

June 23

Twilight Tours of Twin Caves

June 29

Pioneer Village Living History Stroll

June 30-July 1

Old-Fashioned Independence Celebration

Special Events in July

July 4

Pioneer Village History Scavenger Hunt

July 14-15

1800s Music and Crafts Show

July 20

Moon Day

July 21-22

Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom Days

July 27

Pioneer Village Living History Stroll

Special Events in August

August 4-5

Pioneer Heritage Days

August 11

Look to the Stars!

August 25-26

Gone Caving!